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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 3557

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: BOMBINGS CONTINUE IN SANTIAGO

REF: SANTIAGO 3352

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 2:15 AM LOCAL TIME 30 APRIL A LOW-YIELD EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED IN A PUBLIC PARK ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE U.S. CONSULATE IN SANTIAGO, 80-100 METERS FROM THE CONSULATE ENTRANCE. ACCORDING TO POLICE THE DEVICE WAS THROWN FROM A PASSING VEHICLE. THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE, FIRE OR INJURY. THE INCIDENT WAS IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO EMBASSY SECURITY BY THE LOCAL GUARD FORCE PERSONNEL ON DUTY AT THE CONSULATE. AN INVESTIGATION WAS BEGUN BY CARABINEROS WHO ASSURED EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT SECURITY WOULD BE REINFORCED ON THE CHANCERY, CONSULATE AND THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM RESIDENCES.

2. THE LOCAL PRESS OF 30 APRIL CARRIED STORY OF A "WAVE OF BOMBINGS" WHICH TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT SANTIAGO ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING. THE PRESS ACCOUNTS MENTIONED FOUR SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN WHICH SIMILAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE SET OFF IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UPPER CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CITY. THESE BOMBINGS PLUS THOSE REPORTED REFTEL ARE ALL UNDER INVESTIGATION BY CARABINEROS.

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3. COMMENT: PRESS ACCOUNTS CALL THE BOMBINGS, THE FIRST SINCE JULY 1976, "AN ATTEMPT BY EXTREMISTS TO PROVOKE A PSYCHOSIS IN THE POPULACE ON THE EVE OF MAY 1ST LABOR DAY". IT LOOKS TO US MORE LIKE A DEMONSTRATION EFFORT BY LEFTIST ELEMENTS TO SHOW THAT THE OPPOSITION TO THE JUNTA CAN STILL MAKE SOME SORT B MAY DAY GESTURE. APPARENTLY, NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE IN THE BOMBINGS

TO DATE TO INJURE PEOPLE OR DESTROY PROPERTY.

4. THE CARABINEROS ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY
AND ARE STRECHED PRETTY THIN PROTECTING THE MANY HIGH RANKING
POLICE OFFICIALS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HERE FOR THE FESTIVITIES.
WE HAVE OUR OWN GUARD FORCE ON ALERT AND HOPE TO HAVE CARABINERO
REINFORCEMENTS (PARA 1 ABOVE) BY NIGHTFALL.
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